



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado received below normal amounts of moisture and temperatures were slightly cooler than the average for this time of year. These conditions allowed producers 5.9 days suitable for field operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	27	56	10
Last Week	5	27	59	9
Last Year	20	36	42	2

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	36	42	9
Last Week	11	37	43	9
Last Year	12	43	42	3

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 95 percent emerged with the crop in mostly good condition.

**Row Crops:** The corn crop was 99 percent mature and 61 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. Ninety-nine percent of the corn silage crop has been harvested. Sorghum was 99 percent mature and 47 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to poor condition. The dry bean crop was 98 percent cut, 90 percent harvested, and in mostly fair to good condition for the week. Dry onions were 99 percent harvested. Sugarbeets were 60 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. The sunflower crop was 62 percent harvested and rated in mostly fair to excellent condition. The summer and fall potato harvest was complete by week's end.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 26, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	4	11	33	28	24
Last Year	2	3	20	50	25
Sorghum					
This Week	11	27	34	24	4
Last Year	0	1	25	63	11

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Pasture and range conditions were rated in mostly fair to good condition. Fourth cutting alfalfa harvest was 65 percent complete by week's end. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated just below average. Stored feed supplies were rated just above average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 26, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	8	24	38	25	5
Prev. Year - 2007	4	12	37	44	3
5-Year Avg.	12	19	39	28	2

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 26, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Emerged	95	87	90	93
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	99	97	100	100
Harvested	61	45	63	51
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	99	97	100	100
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	99	95	100	92
Harvested	47	39	52	39
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	98	93	100	99
Harvested	90	79	96	92
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	65	56	73	71
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	99	98	100	99
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	60	42	59	61
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	62	51	73	61

### COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	0	1	22	45	32
<b>Alfalfa</b>	2	8	33	32	25
<b>Dry Beans</b>	1	6	45	37	11
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	3	5	23	44	25
<b>Sunflowers</b>	3	14	26	29	28
<b>Livestock</b>	0	6	20	62	12

<sup>1/</sup> Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.